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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IRANIAN FONMIN KHALATBARI TO KINGDOM

1. IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI ARRIVED HERE MONDAY DECEMBER 13 FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT. KHALATBARI MET WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD (VICEROY DURING THE KING'S ABSENCE IN EUROPE), PRINCE ABDULLAH, COMMANDER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF MONDAY MORNING. PRINCE SULTAN HOSTED A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE IRANIAN DELEGATION AFTERWARDS. FONMIN KHALATBARI IS MEETING WITH VICEROY CROWN PRINCE FAHD AGAIN TODAY. PRESS REPORTS QUOTE KHALATBARI SAYING THAT THE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNED BILATERAL QUESTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, CHIEF AMONG WHICH WAS THE GULF. HE ADDED THAT HE WISHED TO TOUCH BASE WITH THE SAUDIS AFTER HIS FIRST VISIT TO COUNTRIES TO THE SOUTH (PRESUMABLY MEANING QATAR, UAE AND BAHRAIN). PRINCE SULTAN SAID THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE GOOD AND THAT HE HOPED THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS WOULD STRENGTHEN THEM. PRESS MADE NO MENTION OF OIL NOR UPCOMING CONFERENCE TOMORROW.
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